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FIRE RESTRICTIONS ON THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST LIFTED IN LOW AND MODERATE FIRE HAZARD AREAS

Clovis, CA – Due to cooler, wetter weather conditions and predictions of stable or cooling conditions into the future, fire restrictions on the Sierra National Forest have been partially lifted.

Fire restrictions in low and moderate fire hazard areas, as stated in the 2013 Sierra National Forest Fire Restriction Order 15-13-08, are now cancelled. Fire restrictions still remain in effect for High Hazard Areas (NFDR Area 528 and 529): Jerseydale, Miami, North Fork, Batterson, Mountain Rest and Trimmer

Visitors to the Sierra National Forest are reminded that the forest is still experiencing dry conditions and to practice safe fire use. Current fire restrictions, require campfires only be lit in designated areas. Escaped campfires continue to be a source of ignition for wildfires. Fire permits, along with fire safety information can be obtained at no charge to the public at any Forest Service Visitor Information Office.

The Forest Order can be found on the Sierra National Forest web site at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/. Keep informed about forest news on Twitter: @Sierra_nf

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